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REMARKS

The Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2 and 8 – 20, added new claims 21 and 22 and amended a number of dependent claims in order to more clearly describe the invention. For example, claim 21 recites,

21. A method of coupling a multimedia source device to a multimedia sink device, comprising:

providing a signal cable comprising a bi-directional auxiliary channel arranged to transfer information between the multimedia source device and the multimedia sink device and a unidirectional main link arranged to transport multimedia data packets from the multimedia source device to the multimedia sink device wherein neither the bi-directional auxiliary channel nor the unidirectional main link includes a clock signal line;

coupling the multimedia sink device to the multimedia source device by way of the signal cable; and

disabling the bi-directional auxiliary channel when either one or both the multimedia source device or the multimedia sink device are determined to be analog in nature.

Claim 21 specifically requires that the signal cable cannot be a DVI cable as required by Kim since the signal cable includes both a unidirectional main link and a bi-directional auxiliary link neither of which has a clock signal line. According to the Digital Visual Interface DVI Revision 1.0 April 2, 1999, Figure 2-1 page 10 and section 2.6 Signal List page 23, all DVI cables must have clock lines. Therefore, since claim 21 specifically requires that neither the unidirectional main link nor the bi-directional auxiliary channel have clock lines, the signal cable cannot be a DVI cable.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that claim 21 as currently pending is not taught or suggested by Kim or Clark (previously discussed) and request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections thereof.

All remaining dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claim 21 and are also believed to be allowable.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable.

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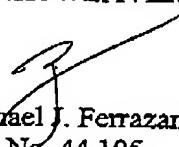
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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